

EAMC PT's Sponsor Local CME Course

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The quest for excellence and clinical applicability in a continuing education course can sometimes seem like something out of “The Lord of the Rings”...sometimes things are not what they seem. If you’ve ever attended a course and left feeling that the best part of the weekend was the spinach and artichoke dip at Chili’s, you’re probably not alone. However, you can facilitate clinical excellence for your staff members utilizing the talent pool of excellent Army physical therapists.

Recently (12-13 Dec 03), Eisenhower Army Medical Center Physical Therapy sponsored a day and a half course on “Manual Therapy Intervention for the Extremities” taught by Army physical therapists MAJ Bob Boyles, DSc, OCS, FAAOMPT and MAJ Mike Walker, DSc, OCS, FAAOMPT. MAJ Boyles and MAJ Walker are recent graduates of the Orthopaedic and Manual Physical Therapy doctoral program at BAMC. The quality and immediate clinical usefulness of the course exceeded anything we had experienced in civilian CME programs.

EAMC Education and Training Department (not the Physical Therapy Department) funded the course including TDY funds for the instructors. Instead of sending PT's to CME courses in the local area, which are typically overpriced and under-researched, we were able to bring excellent clinicians to our facility and invite PTs in our region for little to no cost to our clinic or participants. Just think of it.... excellence in evidence-based clinical education....with money left over for an extra night at Chili's.